Welcome to the **MGE New Patient** Workshop Presented By: Mr. Jeff Santone

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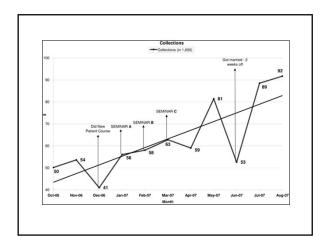
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- Owned and operated two specialty & GP dental practices
- Delivered to thousands of dentists in USA & Canada







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What You will learn at this workshop

- Internal Marketing
- External marketing
- #1 NP Referral Source Caller Conversion
- Internet Marketing
- Marketing Budget

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Dentistry is the place to be

Employment of dentists is projected to grow 18% from 2014 to 2024, much faster than the average for all occupations. The demand for dental services will increase as the population ages.

Dentistry is the place to be

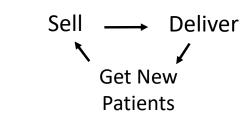
"The facts are, 30–35% of the population still doesn't see a dentist, and the demography of active caries is heavily skewed to this population. There's plenty of care that needs to be delivered, and we're going to need dentists to deliver that care."

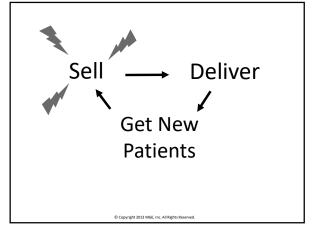
https://adeachartingprogress.wordpress.com/2014/05/15/a-dentist-shortage-maybe-maybe-not/

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Business Basics 101

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Who is Most Qualified to Sell Dentistry?

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So why are we taking the Dentist out of the sales equation?

What are we afraid of?

- That we will be perceived as being money-motivated.
- That we will be perceived as recommending unnecessary care.
- That we won't be perceived as being their "friend."

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But is any of that true?

- If anything, we have a tendency to give dentistry away.
- If anything, we UNDER-diagnose.
- No matter what you do there will be people that won't like you.

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What effect is this having on us?

- We aren't being compensated what we are worth.
- We are becoming "Certified Dental Technicians" that work for the insurance companies.
- It's taking the fun out of dentistry because we don't give the patient what they need.

It's Time For A Change!

It's time to stop being afraid!

It's time to be the doctors we agreed to be and help our patients get what they need and not just what they want.

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Are you ready for a change?

Where do you start?

It starts with a change of attitude towards "Selling."

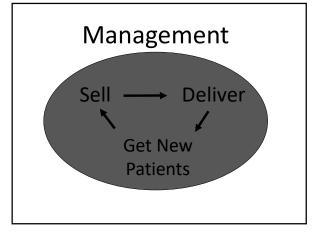
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Help



Deliver

Get New Patients



You need a

Technology

that will put you in

Control

of your practice

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L. Ron Hubbard

American Author, Educator, Humanitarian & Philosopher



- Studied engineering. Attended firstever university class in nuclear physics.
- Over 30 years of research on the mind, human behavior, communication and management.
- The most published and translated author in history. Full body of work in the tens of millions of words.

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American Author, Educator, Humanitarian & Philosopher

Hubbard Management System consists of 12 (700+ page) reference volumes and hundreds of lectures. System is in use by over 140,000 companies worldwide.

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If one knows the tech of how to do something, and can do it, and uses it, he *cannot* be the adverse effect of it.

L. Ron Hubbard

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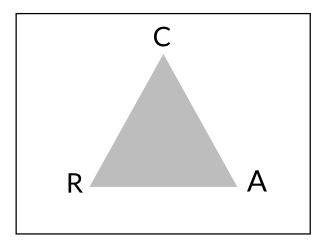
3 Keys to Success With the Hubbard Management System

- Be TEACHABLE
- Be willing to THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX
- Be HUNGRY, DRIVEN, and MOTIVATED

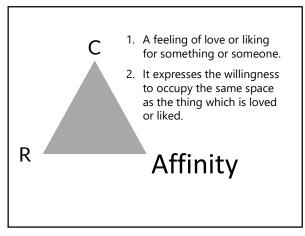
Reason for Failure with the Hubbard Management System

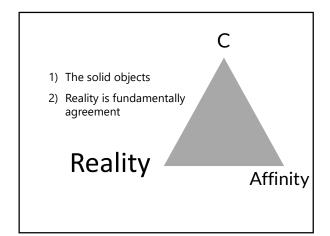
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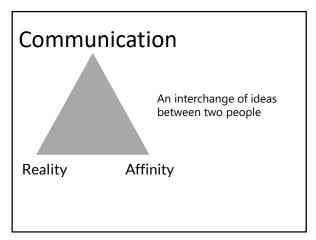
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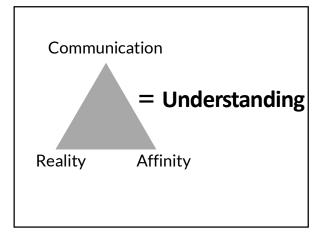


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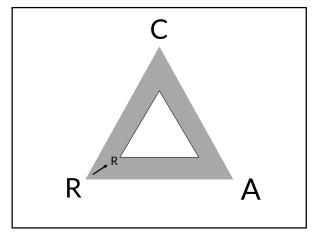


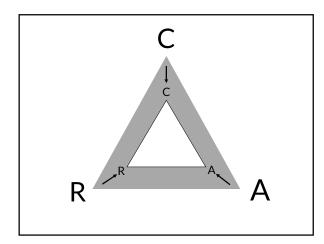




One can't cut down one without cutting down the other two.

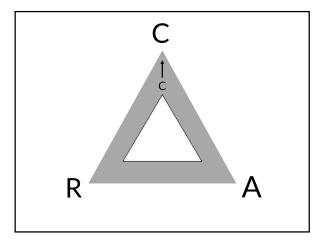
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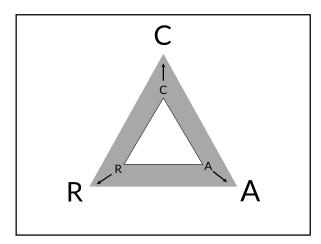




One can't rehabilitate one without rehabilitating the other two.

L. Ron Hubbard





The most important corner of the ARC Triangle is communication.

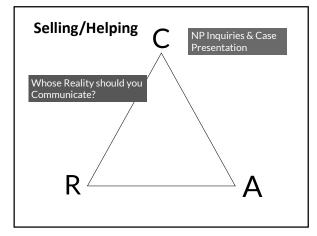
If you knock communication out, they will all go.

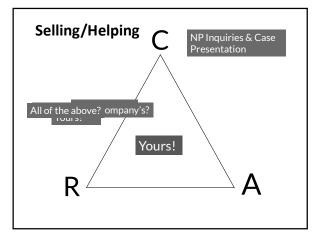
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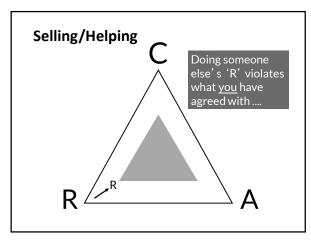
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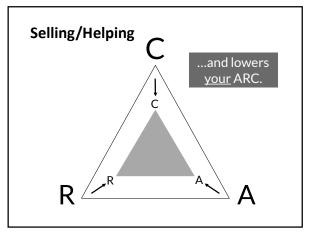
What does **ARC** have to do with **Selling**?

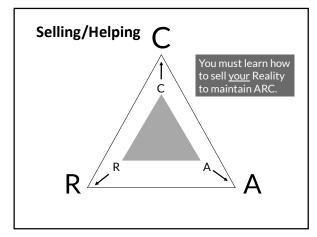
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Definition of Hard Sell:

Caring about the person, not being reasonable with stops and barriers and getting him fully paid up and taking the service.

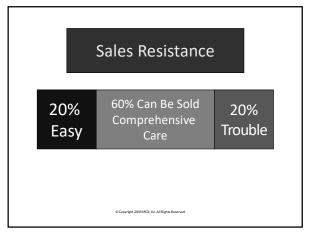
- L. Ron Hubbard

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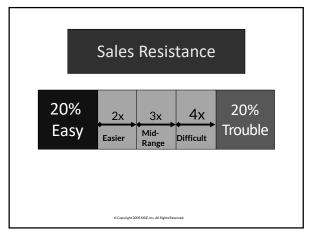
Gradient Scale of Sales Resistance











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Definition of Reasonable

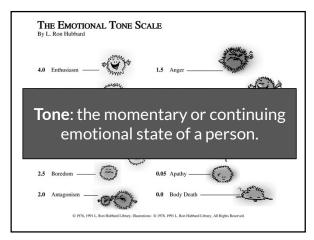
Faulty explanations.

- L. Ron Hubbard

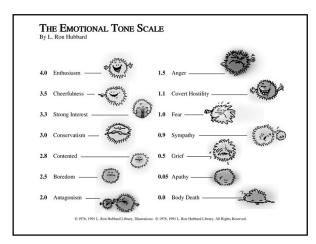
What are the main stops and barriers?

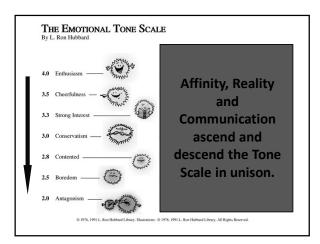
- I have no money.
- I'm only doing what the insurance covers.
- File a predetermination of benefits.
- I have to check with my spouse.
- I need to think about it.
- I'm a very busy person and I have no time to do this right now.

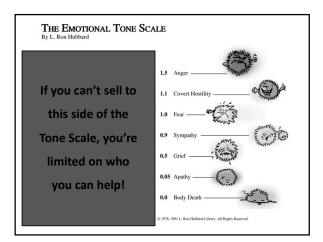
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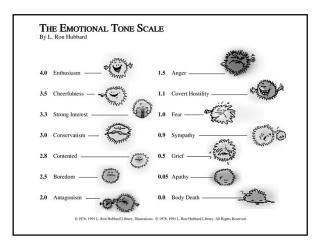


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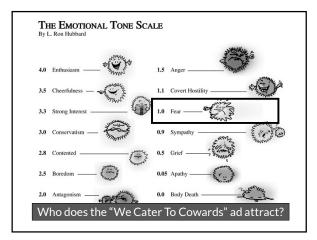
The Tone Scale

Skillful use of this scale enables one to both predict and understand human behavior in all its manifestations.

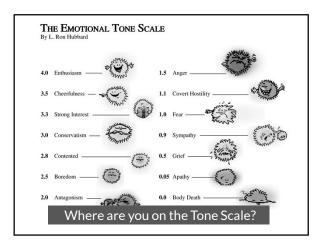
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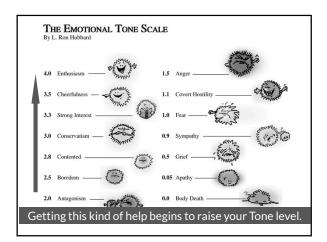
Manifestation: An observable indication of something. It can be seen or is plainly evident.

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New Patient Marketing

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- 24 Countries
- 100+ fields
- Specializing in Sales, Marketing & Executive Training



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Dentistry and COVID-19

You are in one of the few industries that our population relies on through any difficult time.

In this workshop, you will learn how to recover from this and even expand beyond where you were prior to COVID-19.

DRB1 Dan Brown, 3/20/2020

Dentistry and COVID-19

In the USA, many dental practices in your area have likely closed their doors, laid-off staff and are applying for financing to sustain.

While it is your choice on what to do, we will give you options that will show you how to expand despite this recent crisis.

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Dentistry and COVID-19

We will be covering:

- What things you should do right now
- What additional things you CAN do if you already have those points covered
- How to communicate to your patient base and why you must do this throughout this time
- Steps to plan for in the future when this is behind us so that you are fully recovered and expanding

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Local Campaign

How to contact them:

- CALL. Let them know you are there to say "Thank you" to others in health and safety, being there for our mutual patients
- Offer them the hand-outs, and if they want them, present them in large zip-loc bags
- Give them something to say thank you for being there (individually packaged)



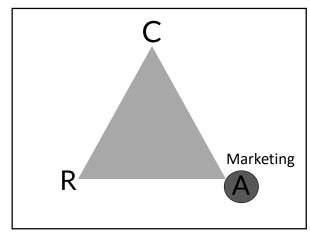
External Promotion IDEAS

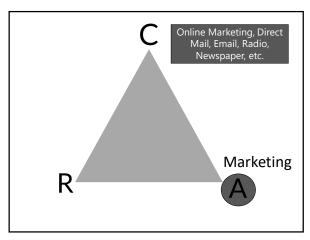
- Direct mail
- Community Events
- Tradeshows
- Sponsorships
- Web Presence
- Social Media
- Paid Online Ads
- TV
- Radio
- **Local Business**

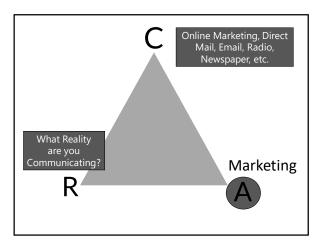
- Billboards/Signage
- Movie Theaters
- Magazines
- Newspapers Coupon Books
- Referral Services
- Directories
- Referral Networks
- Lead Generation (ZocDoc, 1-800-Dentist, etc.)

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What does ARC have to do with **Marketing**?







How would you find out what the people in <u>your</u> area want?

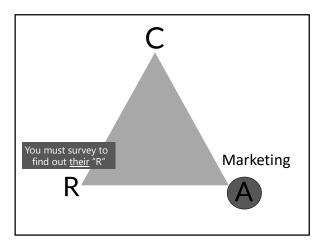
Ask them!

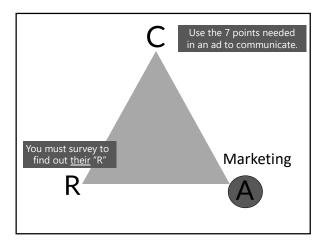
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To find out what people want or will accept or will believe, one does SURVEYS.

-L. Ron Hubbard

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Keys to Effective Promotion

In any promotional piece, be it an ad, brochure, a flier, a pamphlet, a poster – you follow the line of:

- 1. Attract
- 2. Interest
- 3. Get your message across.

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Keys to Effective Promotion

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- L. Ron Hubbard

Surveys

Promotion done without survey, magazine ads without survey, fliers without survey, you are going it blind.

- L. Ron Hubbard

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Survey Buttons

In a survey, you question people to get their opinion on something – an idea, a product, an aspect of life, or any other subject.

A *button* is the primary datum you get from this action. It is the answer given the most number of times to your survey question.

- L. Ron Hubbard

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Tabulating Surveys

Q: "How would you describe the perfect dentist?"

<u>Total number of responses – 100 (sample)</u>

- Knowledgeable/knows what they're doing (50 results) **50%**
- Caring/compassionate (30 results) 30%
- Professional (10 results) 10%
- Open on Saturdays (10 results) 10%

Tabulating Surveys

Q: "How would you describe the perfect dentist?"

Top Buttons:

- 1. Knowledgeable/knows what they're doing
- 2. Caring/compassionate

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Tabulating Surveys

- 1. Count all the surveys
- 2. Establish various categories of answers for each question by listing answers briefly as you go through the surveys.
- 3. Soon you will be able to merely mark a slant by each category, the slant meaning one more answer of a similar nature.
- 4. Then you total the answers given for a particular category of answer.
- 5. You then list each question and under that question list the categories of answers and the percentage from the highest to the lowest.

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Survey Question #1

"What dental problems cause you the most trouble?"

Cavities | | | | | | | | |
Gum Disease | | | | | | |
Tooth Pain | | | |
Chipped / Cracked Teeth | | | |
Poor Hygiene | |
Insurance | |
Tolerance for Treatment | |
Root Canals | |
Sensitivity | |

¼ Second Test

An ad is not textual information. It is a communication.

But it has to be a very fast communication because people won't look at it very long. It has to be able to deliver its message in about a quarter of a second.

- L. Ron Hubbard

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1/4 Second Test

The actual test of a piece of ad copy is:

WILL IT REGISTER IN THE INSTANT IT TAKES THE INDIVIDUAL TO PICK IT UP AND DECIDE HE IS GOING TO THROW IT AWAY?

- L. Ron Hubbard

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1/4 Second Test

At each point a person would throw a promotional piece away, he must be stopped.

- L. Ron Hubbard

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You must recognize that the public has to be able to send for something or be able to communicate easily or they don't buy the item. You have to direct the public.

- L. Ron Hubbard

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1/4 Second Test

But communication is duplication. You do a survey, the public feeds you a button, so you just feed it back to the public. That's duplication. And it works.

- L. Ron Hubbard

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1/4 Second Test

How many words can you read in ¼ of a second?

Let's see!

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What's the best way to communicate an idea in 1/4 of a second?

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1/4 Second Test

Images / Pictures

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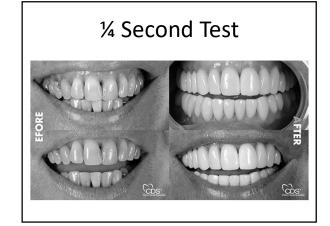
1/4 Second Test

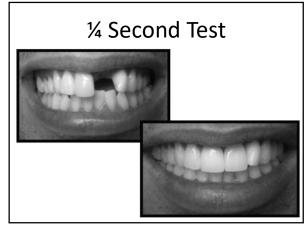
What idea can you get from an image in ¼ of a second?

Let's see!









1/4 Second Test



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7 Points of an Ad

An ad must be factual and explicit:

- 1. What is it?
- How valuable is it?
- 3. What does it do?
- 4. How easy is it to do it?

- 5. How costly is it?6. How do you acquire it?7. Where do you get it from?
 - L. Ron Hubbard

Additional Tips

- Know your public / demographics
- Stand out
- Pay attention to eye trail
- Motivate the reader

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Mailing Options

- Every-Door-Direct
 - Can choose specific mail routes within zip codes
 - Cheap postage
- Targeted lists
 - More precise
 - More expensive postage

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Marketing Schedule

Continuing to market regularly gives you steady, predictable growth.

Don't leave long gaps between mailing efforts.

Marketing Schedule

Sample list: 4,000

Group A - 1,000

Group B - 1,000 Group C - 1,000 Group D - 1,000

12 Week Cycle:

Week 1 – Group A Week 2 - Group B Week 3 - Group C Week 4 - Group D

Week 5 - Group A Week 6 – Group B Week 7 – Group C

Week 8 - Group D

Week 9 - Group A

Week 10 - Group B Week 11 - Group C Week 12 - Group D

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Week 5 - Group A

Week 6 - Group B Week 7 - Group C Week 8 - Group D

Week 9 - Group A Week 10 - Group B Week 11 - Group C Week 12 - Group D

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Mailings



ACTIONS TO TAKE:

- 1. Complete your surveys at least 100 done
- 2. Tabulate them and find your top buttons
- 3. Get these buttons incorporated into:
 - Your website
 - All direct mail (postcards, newsletters, etc.)
 - Your social media

Mailings



ACTIONS TO TAKE:

- 4. Contact a company that designs postcards (go to www.xpresspromotion.com/mge for your special)
- 5. Give them your surveyed buttons
- 6. Get them to design and send you a couple designs to test

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Mailings



ACTIONS TO TAKE:

- 7. Test the designs for eye trail, specifically noting:
 - Attract Does it use a good image that communicates the top button(s) in an instant?
 - Interest Does it have a small message that catches attention using the buttons that makes you want to find out more?
 - Get Your Message Across Does it give a communication that communicates the message with the buttons you
 - Font Is it large, high-contrast, simple (easy to read) and

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Mailings



ACTIONS TO TAKE:

- 7. Test the designs for eye trail, specifically noting: (continued...)
 - <u>7-Points of an Ad</u> Does the rest of the piece contain the 7 points of an Ad?
 - <u>Demographics</u>: Does it communicate to your public's demographics?
 - **Stand Out!**: Does it stand out or is it boring?
 - <u>Calls to Action</u> Does it have special offers and impel a person to call or act now?

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Mailings

ACTIONS TO TAKE:

- Once you have checked it over, survey the piece with some of your patients and watch their eye trail when you initially show it to them. See if they look where you want them to look first, second, etc.
- 9. Use a different tracking phone number on each different promotional piece done to see the response gotten from each.
- 10. Once you are happy with the piece, approve it and get it sent out.

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Mailings to Your Existing Patients

- How many total are in your database?
- · How many are "active"
- · How many are "archived"

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Gross Income Senior Datum

THE SIZE NOT THE QUALITY OF AN ORGANIZATION'S MAILING LIST AND THE NUMBER OF MAILINGS AND LETTERS TO IT DETERMINES THE GROSS INCOME OF AN ORGANIZATION.

- L. Ron Hubbard



EXSTING CUSTOMERS



Mailings to Your **Existing Patients**

- End of the year "Use It or Lose It!"
- Beginning of the year "It's a New Year – Take **Advantage of Your** Benefits!"

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Marketing & Promotion **Budget**

HOW MUCH SHOULD YOU SPEND ON MARKETING?

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Marketing & Promotion **Budget**

- Approximately 5%-9% of collections, depending on your collections (9% if under \$150K/month in collections) in usual times. What about since COVID-19?
- Includes all internal an external marketing (brochures, uniforms, mail, website, SEO, ads, signage, etc.)

Tracking Your Return on Investment

- Ask "How did you hear about us?"
- New patient tracking log
- Practice management software program
- Call tracking / recording service
- Invest more in marketing channels that are working (by fact, not opinion)
- Don't wait: stop or fix marketing that isn't working.

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Best Way To Reach Patients?



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Texting





- Text messages get read
- Helps build a relationship with your patients
- Text marketing is easier for your patients
- Better customer service

Texting to Patient's Mobile





- Revenue Well (<u>www.revenuewell.com</u>)
- Solution Reach (<u>www.solutionreach.com</u>)
- Demandforce (<u>www.demandforce.com</u>)

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After Hour Answering Service





True or False

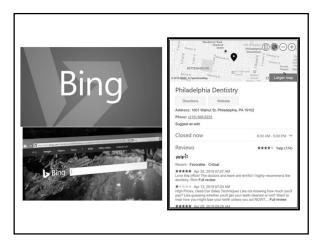
You should respond to negative reviews online.

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Online Reviews

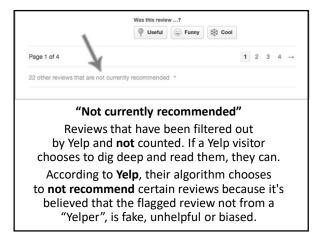
- They're important. And they're there whether you like it or not
- Be proactive
- Use them as a marketing tool
- Ask happy patients to leave reviews
- Use a service that sends texts/emails











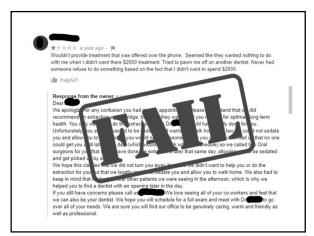
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Online Reviews

You MUST respond to negative reviews online.

...and do so PROPERLY.





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Online Reviews

Dealing with Bad Reviews:

- Can request to have them taken down if they violate terms-of-service of Google, Yelp, etc.
- It's okay to respond but always be warm, polite, and gracious, never argue or challenge the reviewer
- 3. Remember you are responding to the **public**
- 4. Observe HIPAA don't ever reveal ANY patient information
- 5. Always answer as the Office Manager (even the Doctor/Owner is answering)
- 6. Use your response to educate public
- 7. Lastly, steer the conversation off-line

Sample Handling of a Negative Review:

"This office is horrible. I was told I needed a \$3000 treatment plan not covered by insurance. Went to another dentist who said I probably didn't need all that. Just saved me \$3000! I don't recommend this place! Save your money!"

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Online Reviews

RESPONSE:

"Thanks for the feedback. At our office, we put our patient's care in front of anything else. People with healthy teeth and gums live longer, and we want our patients to live long, healthy lives. Some dental offices only do what the insurance covers, but not necessarily what patients need for long-term health. That said, I would love to speak in person on this. Please call me. My name is ____ and I am the Office Manager. I can be reached at [office phone] or [office email]. I hope to hear from you soon to clear this up."

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Negative Reviews



ACTIONS TO TAKE:

- 1. Go to your Google My Business Page by going to "business.google.com"
- 2. Sort reviews by "lowest rating"



- 3. Take any reviews that are lower than 4 stars and answer each.
- 4. MGE clients can get responses checked by us to make sure you got it right!

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Dealing with Bad Reviews:

Drown out the nasty reviews with good ones!

- Get the MGE Getting a Volume of Online Reviews Step-By-Step Program
- ASK FOR REVIEWS THEN AND THERE!
- Use QR Codes ("Quick Response Code") to make this faster

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Scanning QR Codes:

<u>iPhone</u>

- 1. Open Camera
- 2. Scan over QR Code
- 3. Touch the "link" that appears at the top
- 4. Safari takes you to that page.



Scanning QR Codes:

Android

- Long press on "home" button at the bottom center to activate "Google Assistant".
- 2. Touch on "lens" icon toward the bottom right or left depending on which phone



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- 3. Note: You may be asked for permission to use the camera upon first use.
- 4. Scan over QR Code
- 5. Touch the "link" that appears on the QR Code
- 6. Google takes you to that page.



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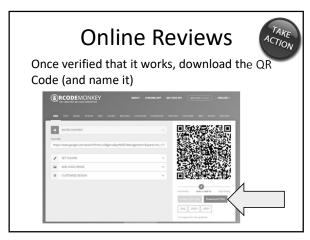
CREATING QR CODES:

- 1. Get URL by copying it.
- 2. Go to https://www.grcode-monkey.com
- 3. Paste URL in "Your URL" area
- 4. Click "Create QR Code"
- 5. Test the QR code by scanning with phone
- 6. Download the QR Code (and name it)
- 7. Put QR Code on front desk or similar

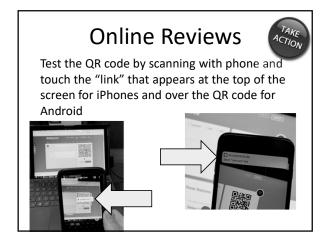


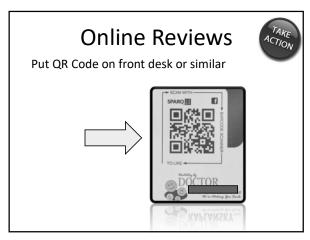


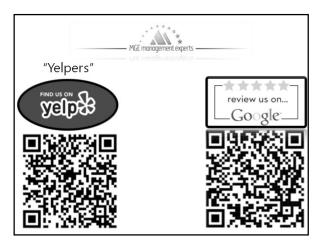












Script — Getting Reviews "Hi Mr./Mrs. ______. How did it go today? NOTE: If person says something that is indicating it went less than good, then handle the upset or whatever. "Great. That's what we love to hear! "I know you have been to other dentists and dental offices in the past, but you keep coming back to us. We must be doing something right! "Can I ask what we do better or different than other dental offices you have been to? "Fantastic. We work hard to get these results, so we are very happy to hear you feel that way! The reason I'm asking is that today consumers want to hear from existing patients—like you! Can you help us out today by sitting right there in that chair (and point to the chair) and taking 2 minutes to share the same kind words you just mentioned to me? If they say they don't have time... "Understood. If we get 20 reviews in a week, the doctor has to buy us all Starbucks on Monday! It will take 2 minutes. I'll make sure it is fast! Can you help us win? Please?!?!?!"



ACTIONS TO TAKE:

- 1. Create your QR codes as per earlier instructions
- 2. Print them out and put them at reception, in operatories or wherever you want
- 3. Put in a game for staff to get a certain number of reviews per week and play it to

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Online Reviews



ACTIONS TO TAKE:

- 4. Put in a game for patients to play to encourage their interest
- 5. Ask patients to leave reviews right then and there!
- 6. Play a game to have the most number of reviews in your area and reward the team when you hit #1!

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Google My Business

Currently the most popular online directory

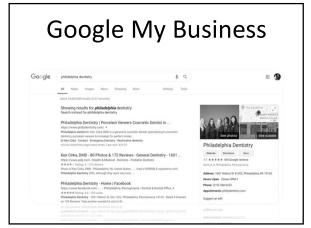


Google My Business

Currently the most popular online directory

Type in the name of your business to check your GMB, such as "Philadelphia Dentistry" (our client's business Dr. Ken Cirka)

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Google My Business

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Google My Business

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Google My Business

Categories to communicate your • Results

- Goofy
- in-office culture:
- We give back
- Friendly
- Community
- Professional
- Awards
- Caring
- We love our patients!
- Fun
- We are the best!

Google My Business

ACTIONS TO TAKE:

- 1. Claim your GMB if you haven't
- 2. Go to https://www.google.com/business/ to manage your business
- 3. When you have registered your business and/or have your gmail login details, go into settings and enable ALL notifications.

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Google My Business

ACTIONS TO TAKE:

- 4. Download the Google My Business app (available for iOS and Android)
- 5. Enable all notifications on the app
- 6. Begin uploading practice culture photos videos to your GMB profile using app
- 7. Answer reviews as they come, but ensure all negative reviews are handled first.

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True or False

Your website should be like an online business card or brochure.

What is the purpose of your website?

To drive more New Patients into your practice!

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Website

Do you have an

INFORMATION SITE?

...or do you have a

MARKETING SITE?

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Website

Information site: A website that provides all the information or services on the site so that the visitor never needs to call the business or come in.

- Answers public's questions
- Reduces body traffic
- Reduces phone call traffic
- AVOIDS LIVE COMMUNICATION





Website INFORMATION SITE - Lots of text - No use of buttons - No calls to action - Boring - Roman and the second secon

INFORMATION SITE

- Trite
- Exposing all public to every offering
- Giving solutions instead of problems "Bonding" instead of "Chipped tooth?"



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Website

Marketing site: A website that's purpose is to get the visitor to CALL, come into the business or buy the product.

- Hits the public's "buttons"
- <u>Directs</u> public to the service or product they are interested in
- Calls for them to <u>take action</u> (make appointment, buy, subscribe, etc.)

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Website

What's wrong with most dental websites?

They don't direct the visitor to <u>DO</u> anything!

MARKETING SITE

- Easy to contact
- Calls to action
- Easy to "skim"
- High-contrast



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Website

MARKETING SITE

- Use of video
- More calls to action!
- Testimonials
- Big fonts

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DR. KEN CIRKA	VIDEO TESTIMONIALS
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SOCIAL PROOF

- Before & After photos
- Testimonials & Reviews
- Awards







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Website

REBECCA M.'S CASE





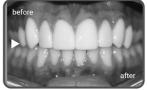
"Our patient Rebecca was in need of a front tooth. She wanted something strong and stable so we gave her a dental implant. It restored the lost tooth and made it look, feel, fit, and function like a natural tooth."

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Website

ERIK H.'S CASE

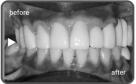




Erik had a full set of porcelain veneers put on his upper teeth

LINDA B.'S CASE





Linda was unhappy with her smile for her entire life. It affected her confidence and ability to enjoy herself by smilling and laughing with friends and family. In only two appointments we were able to completely revamp her confidence and give her a beautiful result and now she cannot stop smilling. Her only regret is not doing it sooner!

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Website

"Cynthia is a comedian starting her career performing in Philadelphia and New York City. She realized that her smile was holding her back from advancing in her career. After a piece of old bonding chipped on a front tooth she finally had enough and came in to see us for a smile makeover. We did a ZOOM whitening procedure in addition to porcelain veneers on the top 8 teeth and now she cannot stop smiling! Cynthia has already recommended friends and family to our office and we're so happy to have helped in her amazing transformation!"









ACTION

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The Keys to an Effective Website

1. Home page:

- Office photos (steer away from stock photos)
- Great new patient special
- Offer free 2nd opinion special
- Possibly one other special offer, such as Invisalign, Whitening, Implant or Veneers
- Social Proof (testimonials, awards & at least 2 "before and after" sets of photos)
- Calls-to-action including a contact form

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The Keys to an Effective Website

2. Smile Gallery

- Show lots of before and after photos of all services do you want to attract patients for? (Invisalign, veneers, whitening, implants, etc.)
- Give a title, before on the left, after on the right, description of what service was done in SIMPLE terms.





Erik had a full set of porcelain veneers put on his upper teeth

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The Keys to an Effective Website

3. About Us Page

- USE LOTS OF PHOTOS:
- Great professional shot of Doctor(s)
- Family shot of Doctor(s)
- Fun shot of team & Doctor(s)
- Culture photos of the staff and patients
- Feature all team members with fun smiles

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The Keys to an Effective Website

4. Create (at least) a page for all important services

- What services do you want to attract patients for? (Invisalign, whitening, veneers, dentures, implants, perio, etc.)
- Keep text MINIMAL and use before and after photos on each page
- Have calls-to-action on each page (such as "FREE IMPLANT CONSULTATION", etc.)

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True or False

A "mobile friendly" website is a MUST.

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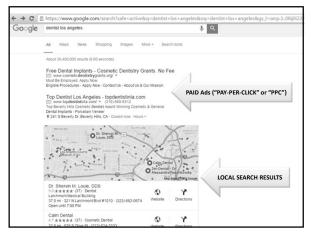
Online Visibility

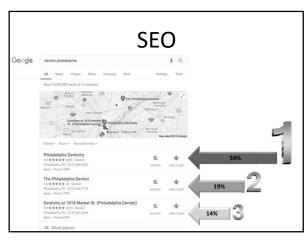
What is "SEO"?

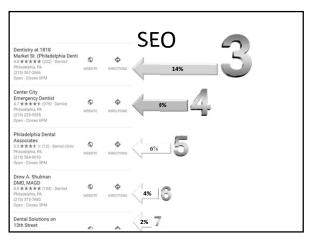
SEO stands for **Search Engine Optimization**, which is the practice of increasing the *quantity* and *quality* of traffic to your website through *organic search engine results*.

- REF: https://moz.com/learn/seo/what-is-seo

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SEO

1,000 Searches:

- 4. 90 visits
- 1. 340 visits
- 5. 60 visits
- 2. 190 visits
- 6. 40 visits
- 3. 140 visits
- 7. 20 visits

SEO



ACTIONS TO TAKE:

- 1. Find a computer you don't use or a phone not yours that doesn't frequent the practice
- 2. Search the following phrases in locations near your office
 - "Dentist Near Me"
 - "Emergency Dentist Near Me"
 - "Cosmetic Dentist Near Me"
 - (other such phrases you want to rank in)

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SEO



ACTIONS TO TAKE:

- 3. Note your positions on each search.
- 4. Search your practice name on Google.
- 5. Check the first couple pages for Name, Address and Phone ("NAP"). Correct as needed so that the NAP is uniform across all these listings (also called "citations").
- 6. Hire a proven SEO specialist as soon as you can afford to.

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True or False

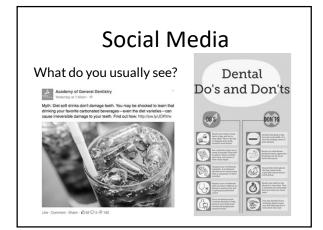
It's all about social media nowadays.

Social Media

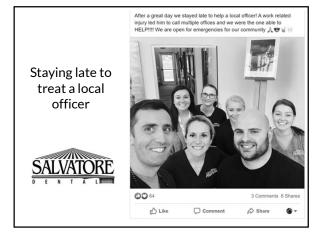
- When to post: Every day or at least 3-4 times per week
- · Local, local, local
- What to post:
 - Photos /videos of the office, staff, happy patients, events, cute stuff (holidays, celebrations, greetings, etc.)

 - Special offers, office news
 Interesting dental tidbits, education material, your blog posts
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 - Charity/community work you're involved in
 - Anything else you'd like that's appropriate & prófessional

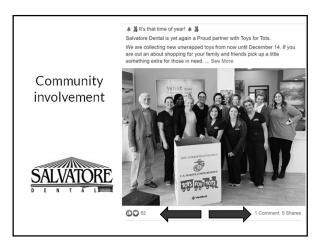
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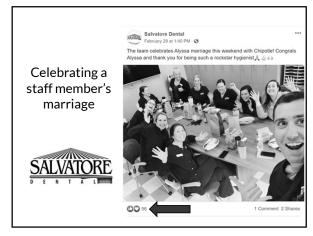


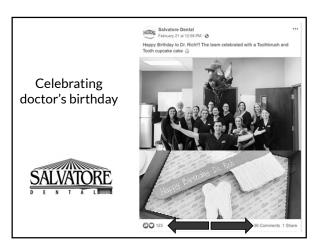
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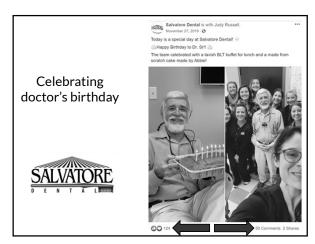


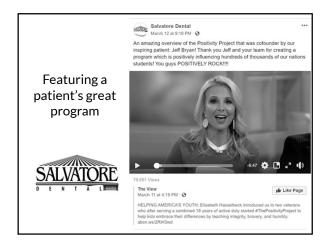






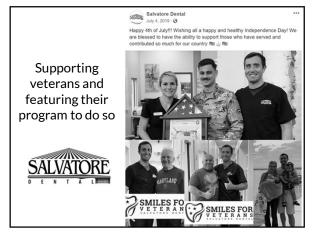


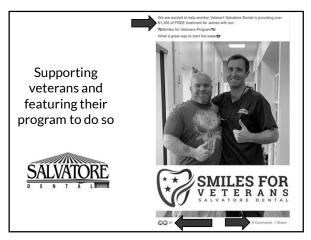




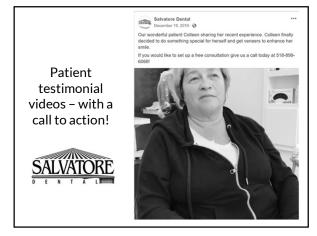




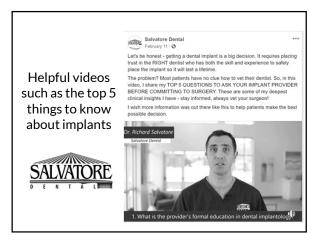












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Paid Facebook Ads

- Inexpensive and allows you to reach people in high volume
- -"Boost" posts to gain more exposure and likes
- -Create pay-per-click ads (lots of them)

True or False

Google Adwords is too costly to be effective.

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Google Adwords

Tips for maximizing your spend:

- Only run ads during business hours (or when you have a live receptionist)
- · Limit the geographical area
- Target keywords of people actually looking for the dentistry you want more of
- Pick the right specialist and expect to pay for professionalism

Internet Marketing Levels

BASIC:

- 1. Mobile Text Marketing
- 2. Paid Online Google Ads / FB Ads
- 3. Have an Effective Website
- 4. Optimized Google My Business
- 5. Basic Social Media Presence

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Internet Marketing Levels

Advanced:

- 6. All Negative Reviews Answered
- 7. Online Reviews 100+ at 4.9 Stars
- 8. Paid SEO
- 9. Video Testimonials
- 10. Social Media Marketing

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Getting Them In The Door

Getting Them In The Door

- Any person calling in that is not a current patient is a POSSIBLE NEW PATIENT.
 - Person answering the phone can't have a preconceived idea about 'new patients'.
 - Such as:
 - •We don't have time for new patients
 - They' re just shoppers
 - •I have to prequalify the bad patients out of the practice.

THEY MUST BE UPTONE!

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Getting Them In The Door

- · Have a call-in tracking log
 - -This is priceless management tracking data.
 - It's important that the Doctor lets the staff know that this is valuable information.

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Getting Them In The Door

 As covered earlier, have a call-in tracking form for all new patient calls:

Date	Patient Name	Staff Member	Patient Request	Result of Call

Getting Them In The Door

- PRIORITIZE THE PHONE CALLS
 - Don't treat the phone like it is a nuisance.
 - Don't have a machine answer the phone during regular business hours.
 - Be sure to have a backup system so someone is always available to answer the phone.

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Getting Them In The Door

• Product of the Appointment Secretary:

THE PATIENT IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ASAP.

IT'S NOT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

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Getting Them In The Door

- Good Communication
 - "Do you take my insurance?"
 - "Do you have Saturday hours?" etc.

Acknowledge their question and get them to communicate with you.

Getting Them In The Door

- Now get them to talk to you.
 - How did you hear about us?
 - Why are you calling?
 - Did you just move into the area?
 - Where do you live?
 - What school do your kids go to?
 - Finding out something in common with the person will help them build affinity for you and your office that will set you apart from any other dental office they have called in the past.

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Getting Them In The Door

- · Second Opinions
 - Offer free second opinions and free consultations.
 - Patients that are calling around are already sold on the idea of needing the work but they are just not sold on the dentist that presented it to them.
 - The close rate on a second opinion is good make it easy to get them in.

Get them and any other new patients in as soon as possible.

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Getting Them In The Door

- Shoppers
 - Avoid giving fees over the phone if possible (but you have to communicate with them in some way)
 - Ask them "Can I ask you a few questions first?"
 - If pressed for an answer, give them a price range but the idea is:

TURN ALL SHOPPERS INTO A CONSULT

Schedule

New patients must be seen within 5 days or the likelihood of a rescheduled/failed appointment grows exponentially.

EMERGENCY PATIENT = SAME DAY

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Scheduling

- Block schedule with prepaid production appointments
- ARC
- Block time for new patients
 - Try to bring all patients in through hygiene
 - Hold slot in the hygiene area (refer back to your time study for length)
 - Identify daily where you can fit an emergency
 - New patient that must see the Dr first gets no more than 20 minutes.

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Confirming & Getting them to Show Up

- ARC
- Paperwork ahead of time (nice but not necessary)

Care to Share

- The purpose of this program is to get more existing patients to send in their friends and family.
- The biggest problem with the program is unwillingness to give the card out. Therefore:
 - We recommend that you create a game that rewards the staff when patients bring in the card.
- Don't ask the problem patients. Remember that 20% of the population is Trouble. So work with the other 80%.
- The cards can also be mailed out in statements or letters.

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Care to Share

- Have the patient <u>name</u> the person they will give the card to.
- If you already know a patient has a spouse, family member, etc., who doesn't come into the office, get the patient on board with bringing this person in.

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Welcoming the Patient

- ARC
- · Clean office
 - Walk through the office exactly like a patient would
 - Take pictures
 - Analyze pictures outside & inside office and note changes
 - Every office can be cosmetically fixed for under \$1,000
- · Professional staff
 - Need dress code policy
- Office tour for every new patient

Promotional Actions

"PROMOTION means to make something known and thought well of.

Now do you see that a staff member smiling is sending something out that will make someone respond and think better of the staff member and the org.

So any action that makes the staff member or the org visible and well thought of is promotion."

L. Ron Hubbard

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Cleanliness/Image

"There is no quicker way to depress income and public goodwill than to have dirty quarters and slovenly staff.

A clean set of quarters and a neat professional-looking staff can increase your income by about 500 percent."

L. Ron Hubbard

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Customer Service

- All staff needs to be trained in customer service
 - Never too busy
 - Greeting patients by name
 - Proper handshake
 - How to address people properly ("sir," "ma'am," "Mrs." "Mr." etc.
 - Speak clearly and loud enough for patients to hear them

The New Patient Exam

- It should be thorough and comprehensive.
- It should be efficient.
- It should not scare the patient away.

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Checking out



Are they happy?



Do they have any family/friends that should make an appointment?



Are they willing to leave an online review?



Are they scheduled for their next appointment (tx or hygiene)?

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Patient Retention

You must stay in contact with your patients

- · Monthly is ideal
- · Quarterly is the minimum

Patient Retention

Ways to stay in contact with your patients:

- New Patient Mailings & Advertisements
- Recall
- Reactivation
- Pending Treatment
- Referrals
- Special Offer
- Newsletters
- Birthday & Holiday Cards
- Social Media

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Reactivation

- Your best source of 'New Patients' are those that have not been in for awhile.
- NEVER 'purge' or deactivate a chart, unless:
 - They pass away
 - They request it
 - They move away
 - They ask to transfer their records
 - The Doctor decides to do so

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Reactivation

You may not think that they are your patient but they still think that you're their Dentist!

Reactivation

- Read the Program.
- It's best if one person is put in charge (I/C) of the program. Even if you have to hire someone for a few weeks/months to do it.
- The I/C must complete the form that monitors their production i.e. #calls, patients contacted, what happened. This is not optional.
- Dr and OM must look at the production tracking form.

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Final Handouts

- Vendor Referral List
- · Marketing Checklist
- How to Leave an Online Review
- Seminar Evaluations
- CE Credits

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